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McGILL TO PLAY VICS. ONCE MORE

Post-Schedule Game To-night
for Charity.

JUNIOR GAME ALSO.

The College Team Determined to
Turn Tables on Victoria.

All who have admired the splendid showing made by the college team both in the regular league games, and more especially in its excellent achievements in the post-schedule games, will doubtless be on hand to see McGill do its best to get the upper hand over Victoria to-night. And those who have not been regular rooters this season will perhaps realize that, in all probability, this game will be the best opportunity to see the team in action.

A fast and furious game is promised and the cold evenings guarantee favourable ice for a hard-fought contest. If the previous showing made by both squads and the splendid fight put up in the last few weeks by McGill is insufficient inducement for the spectators, the very worthy cause that the men are to play for ought to fill every seat in the rink. Half of the proceeds are for the Children's Memorial Hospital, and half for the St. Patrick's Orphanage, two of the worthiest institutions in the city.

McGill has met Victoria twice this season and on both occasions she was defeated after a well-contested game; however, the men are not yet satisfied that the Victories are their superiors on the ice, and they are determined to fully satisfy themselves on that score to-night. If you have been eager to see the previous games between these teams, then you ought to get out and show your appreciation to the team for its good work in the past, and make them realize that defeat on two previous occasions does not mean that a win cannot be attained over this sextette yet this season.

An added feature which should prove of interest to hockey enthusiasts is the fact that to-night before the McGill-Victoria game, lower Canada will be represented by an all-star team against the cohorts from the Melville stronghold. Both these aggregations of hockey talent are fast and being fairly evenly matched, the game should be worth while seeing.

McGill's line-up will be as follows:
Goal—Dooner.
Defence—Cully.
Defence—Honey.
Forward—Behan.
Forward—Gallery.
Forward—Dineen.
Subs—Davies, Flanagan, McGillis, Nichol, Lyall, Notman.

NEW SCHEDULE IS OUT FOR COMPULSORY GYM.

Wicksteed Competition and
Track Meet are "Gym."
Features

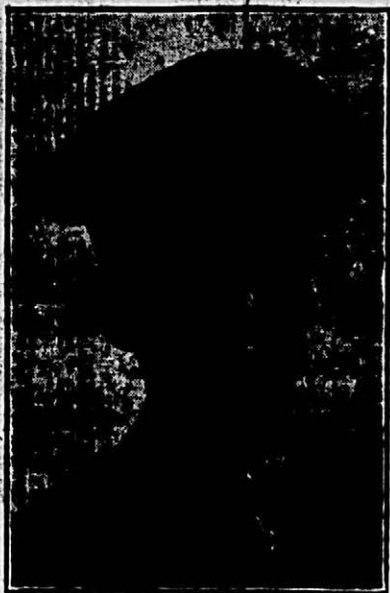
The following schedule is now in effect for gymnasium work:
Monday—12.30 to 1.30, Med. '23 "B."
Tuesday—5.20 to 6.00, Science '22 and '21.
Wed.—3.30 to 4.10, Med. '23 "A."
Thursday—5.20 to 6.00, Marching Calisthenic Team.
Thursday—5.20 to 6.00, Small Floor.
Saturday—11.30 to 12.00, Arts '22 and '21.
Saturday—5.20 to 6.00, Med. '22.
Saturday—4.00 to 6.00, Leaders, Small Floor.

The Arts classes will meet at 11.20 o'clock on Saturday in one combined class. Law students may attend either the 11.20 class or the 5.20 on Saturday afternoon. The Wicksteed competitors will use the small floor on Thursday at 5.20 o'clock, and the complete programme will be gone over under A. L. Walsh. Instruction will commence this Thursday.

Any student with the least gymnastic ability could, by taking advantage of the above instruction, become fitted to make a good showing in the Wicksteed Gymnastic Competition and thereby try for a medal or cup and a plain "M."

The track may be used at any time on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons to practise for the Track Meet.

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"CANDIDA" PRESENTED BY STAGE SOCIETY

Bernard Shaw's Brilliant Comedy
Was Well Acted
Last Night.

A really excellent performance of Bernard Shaw's "Candida" was given last night in Stanley Hall by the Montreal Stage Society. The hall and balcony were well filled and the players received many rounds of applause.

The title role was taken by Miss Baird who gave an admirable rendering of a difficult part and infused a great deal of sympathy into it. Proserpine Garnett, the strait-laced secretary, was played by Miss Kean with spirit and insight. L. Harcourt Farmer displayed some finished acting as Eugene Marchbanks, the youthful poet with a temperament, and was particularly careful not to overdo the role. The Reverend James Morell was presented in a delightful fashion by Charles Robinson and served as a striking foil to the poetic youth. Mr. Robinson showed much skill in his interpretation. W. A. Tremayne as Burgess, the old worldling, was thoroughly successful, and the young and guileless curate, Mill, was played by G. Mountfort.

The whole presentation showed dramatic talent as well as the result of much hard work and careful preparation, and the players are to be congratulated on their good work.

BOXERS HELD A GOOD WORKOUT LAST NIGHT

There was a good turnout at the boxing practice last night, and a fast practice was held. The men were first given a review of the work, special attention being paid to swings and hooks. They were then lined up and put through some fast shadow boxing. This is very useful in developing foot work and in doing away with the tense position usually found in beginners.

After that they were paired off, and Mr. Smith tried a new scheme of putting one man of each pair on the offensive and the other on the defensive. After a short round, this position was reversed. The usual boxing was then resumed, and all had a good warming up before the hot showers.

It is hoped that all the members will be out regularly for the subsequent practices, in order to be in good trim for the smoker on March 22.

WHAT'S ON

To-day.
McGill vs. Victoria, at Victoria Rink, 8.15 p.m.—Historical Club, at Strathcona Hall.
Coming.
March 13, 5.00 p.m.—Meeting of Track Club, in Union.
March 13, 7.30 p.m.—Orchestra Practice, at Strathcona Hall.
March 13, 8.00 p.m.—Meeting R.A.S.C., in Engineering Building.
March 14—Junior Dance.
March 17—Students' Council Executive Meeting.
March 19—Indoor Track Meet.
March 20—Arts Undergrad. Dinner at Windsor.
March 22—B. V. and F. Smoker.
March 24—E. F. Surveyor, K.C., on the "Government of the Province," at Strathcona Hall.
April 5—McGill Aquatic Meet.

ENTRY LIST FILLING FOR TRACK MEET

Number of Entries Left at Union
Swells Daily

"Y. M." TRACK POPULAR

Inter-Faculty Teams Must be
Entered By Saturday

Some of the most promising track men seen around the college for the last few years have been out at the gymnasium, in training for the coming indoor meet. It appears that there will be great competition in all the events as there are men entering for all of them, many of whom have already demonstrated their ability in former years.

The sprints seem to be the favorites among the students this year and it is expected that the entries for these will be very heavy. The field events, which include the jumps and putting the shot are also very popular and it will not be surprising if some good distances are made by the men.

In the 800 yards and the mile events many of the men who have been out in former years will be seen. In addition to these a large number of Freshmen have been training and some interesting results should follow.

The committee in charge of the events are endeavouring to have everything in perfect condition on the night of the races and the competitors are asked to help them as much as possible. Medals have been ordered for every event and should prove an incentive to the participants in the meet. In order that an estimate may be made of the number of entries to be expected all the prospective competitors are asked to make their entries as early as possible. The entry list is open at the Union and may be found at any time at the hall porter's desk.

The admission tickets for the meet have been distributed for sale among the students and a capacity crowd is expected. In many of the classes every member of the class has already purchased a ticket. The high schools, which are also participating in the meet will all have large bodies of supporters and a lively time will likely result. The tickets, which are being sold at fifteen cents, can be obtained from the porter in the Union or from the class representatives to the Track Club.

The teams to represent the various faculties in the relay race will have to be picked before Saturday as the entries will close on that day. The inter-faculty relay race has always been an event of importance and keen rivalry has always been displayed. The faculties seem to have evenly

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BIG TRACK MEET AT PENNSYLVANIA UNIV.

McGill May Enter Contestants
in Event to be Held in April

One of the greatest athletic meets held on this continent for the year, will be the Annual Relay Carnival of the University of Pennsylvania, which is scheduled to take place on Franklin Field on April 25th and 26th. Already the list of teams entered is approaching the 300 mark, and it now looks as if every college relay team fast enough to warrant taking to the meet, and every star college athlete east of the Rocky Mountains will be on hand.

All the big American Universities have agreed to be on hand and it is expected that the calibre of the teams will be right up to the pre-war standard. Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Chicago, Michigan, Columbia, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Yale and other universities have had their athletes in action, and some remarkable performances have been seen. Some well known athletes, champions in their lines, have signified their intention to be present. Among these are Shea of Pittsburg, the 440 yards champion, Hammond of Pennsylvania, the 220 yards champion; Shaw of Columbia, the half-mile star, Johnson of Michigan, three times champion of the Western Conference; Erdman of Princeton, the hurdle champion; McCosh of Chicago, a one-

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SMOKERS.

The smoker was the only form of social event that lost none of its popularity, even during the most trying periods of the war, when almost everything else had been dropped. It was realized that by means of these gatherings, held from time to time in the Union, the students would become acquainted very easily, and a fraternal spirit be engendered among them.

This session the usual number of smokers was held in the Union during the first term, but since the return of the students after the Christmas holidays there have not been any. It is difficult to say why they have been discontinued, as it seems to be the opinion of all the students that they are the most popular form of social event held at the college. Although dances have been very popular and should be continued, yet they only cater to a certain class of students. The only function at which all the students may gather is the smoker, and they should be held from time to time.

There is still time to hold some of these events before the close of the session, and it is to be hoped that the executives of the various undergraduate bodies will look into the matter of holding them.

IDEALS!

Ideals! What a glorious word. A word which has changed the course of ages and controlled the destinies of the world. A word—because of which small nations have arisen from obscurity to world dominance; and a word—the lack of which—has caused mighty empires to totter and fall. A word that has lifted people from obscurity, ignorance and poverty to the sublime heights of fame. What a word! What would be the English language without it, and what would the world be now without the sublime, compelling influence?

This is a very hard, practical word, in a great many respects, and if it were not for the striving of men after the ideal, the sublime, this would be a dreary old world indeed. It is not so much what we do, but what we strive to do, that makes life worth living in the fullest sense. Truthfully it has been said, "As is a man's ideals, so is he." Unconsciously when we reach a certain age we form in our mind our conception of what constitutes true greatness. These ideals, too often in the course of time become so covered with the dust of the world that they are not even recognizable. Slowly, but surely, they fade from our minds, and we become mere commonplace human machines, waging an unequal fight, perhaps, against poverty or worse, content to eke out a living only, with little or no regard for the higher things of life which enable a man to truthfully say, "I live!"

A man without an ideal is as a ship without a rudder, helplessly adrift on the sea of life. Drifting, drifting, always drifting—nowhere! Tossed and buffeted about by the wind and the waves—a derelict. Bound nowhere, only drifting. Some day he will realize his mistake, but too late. He has no definite aim, no goal which he must reach, no ideal toward which he must strive.

To succeed in the present day world, one must put his whole mind and heart into his business. The man who enters upon a profession without ideals, without dreams of the future,—in a half hearted listless manner, caring little whether he makes a very great success or not, content only to earn enough to exist, is a useless nonentity whose demise is more beneficial to mankind than his birth. To exist—does not mean to live. A man exists by merely perpetuating his life. A man lives—when he is in full enjoyment of his faculties, filled with the desire to be something above the mediocre, trying always to better himself and those around him, struggling to reach the heights of his ideals, which he keeps uncontaminated with the mire and muck of the world! This man lives, but the other, pity him! He has no ideal.

A man without an ideal is a man within a circle—he goes nowhere. He accomplishes nothing, he is satisfied with himself and surrounding conditions. Perhaps during the course of years he has forgotten his ideal as it was when he started on the journey of life, but every successful man and woman has an ideal. He is constantly striving to improve himself and his surroundings. Consciously or unconsciously, he is striving to reach a certain standard of perfection. If he had no ideal he would be indifferent whether he reached it or not. He would "let well enough alone," and argue that as perfection can never be reached, there is no use in striving for it. Such an argument is supine, and no one ever used it and rose out of obscurity, poverty and mediocrity.

When Emerson was asked the secret of his wonderful insight into human nature, he answered, "I had a friend." Ask any man

R. V. C. SECTION

PICNICKING IN JAMAICA

(Continued from last issue.)

We move in by a road lined in the sea side with coconut trees, palms and all kinds of twining shrubbery, through all of which we can still see the waves rolling on and on—Byron's "deep and dark blue ocean" rolled on too, and it makes one wonder what he would have said could he have seen Ocho Rios Bay.

Swish, swish, swish. Can you hear the falls rushing across the road, down into the sea? We stop the car on the bridge over the falls, then go by a steep narrow path down to the shore. Don't try to walk down; it's impossible. Just give yourself a good brace, start at the top, and stop at the bottom. On the shore there are two little huts made of coconut boughs, where we get into our bathing suits. It's a toss up whether we shall go first into the falls or into the sea. You see, the falls are right at the mouth of Dunn's River, and you can put one foot into the warm sea water and the other into the cold, clear fresh water. Nobody wants to do the same thing, so each one follows his own bent. Two heads are bobbing a good way from shore, while a few venturesome ones are carefully climbing the falls. It is a lovely feeling to get high up, with the water swishing and swirling around. A gentle whisper is really a shout, and we have to hang on to each other to keep steady.

In some places there are huge hollows worn in the rocks. Can you imagine what your head would feel like if you got in one with the water beating down upon you? You can't see or hear. You just know you are there, having the most curious and wonderful sensations you ever had in your life.

Sad to say, Time does fly, and we soon find that we have to stop for lunch. Out come the baskets, and we spread their contents on the table made round the big tree. Of course, well brought up people never overeat; but I think they are allowed to enjoy their meals, are they not? Well, these picnickers did full justice to their training.

After one more short dip, we scramble into our clothes, as we have decided to go home by Ste. Anne's Bay. It is a much longer drive that way, but going back up "Fern Gully" is a performance to be avoided if possible.

On the way back, we find ourselves envying the frog from Tokio, who kept his eyes at the back of his head.

As it is, we all give ourselves cricks by keeping our heads turned the other way. We look away across the country on our left, down upon the whole bay, as it were a picture set in a frame of changing colours. At last we turn away from the sea and head in further. We do hope we are going to get back to the hotel in time for some tea, as we are pretty hungry from our big drive. We breathe a sigh of relief when we find we do. Now for some tennis. Surely you are not too tired?

Tennis and golf—they are the games at home. So much so, the next day, after a late morning sleep and breakfast, off we go to enjoy ourselves. The sun is a bit hot, but a straw hat does wonders. Still the cry of hunger, and we go back to make short work of lunch.

Isn't it a pity that a week-end really has to end? At least, so we feel, when, after the most delightful drive home by moonlight, we all have to do a prosaic thing like going to bed. Too true is the often quoted saying, "After the storm comes the calm."

MUSIC

Next Sunday afternoon the phenomenal pianist Joseph Hofmann will perform at His Majesty's. This young man showed such marked ability in childhood that he was rated as a wonder. But he has achieved his true greatness as a performer and interpreter of music in early manhood. So outstanding has been his success in this direction that many who are able to judge deem Holman unequalled.

who has made more than an ordinary success—the reason. One will give one reason, and one another. But the reason, the real reason, whether he knows it or not, is—he had an ideal which he did not reach. "Ideals always run beyond the attainment. Life is a continued pursuit after a higher and a vanishing ideal. If it could be reached, then we would have self-satisfied and conceited people."—Renan.

It has been said that "Ideals are like stars. We will never succeed in touching them with our hands; but, like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, we choose them as our guide, and, following them, reach our destination."—Schurz. May we make no mistake in our choosing, and, finally, when our lamp of life is growing dim and our race is almost run, may we be able to point to our past careers with the consciousness of worthy pride, and speak the secret of all successful mankind: "I had an ideal."

"FORGETTIN"

The night when I last saw my lad,
His eyes were bright and wet.
He took my two hands in his own.
"Tis well," says he, "we're met,
Ashore machree! the likes o' me
I bid ye now forget."

"Och, never fear, my jewel!
I'd forget ye now this minute
If I only had a notion
O' the way I should begin it.
But first and last it isn't known
The heap of trouble in it.

"Myself began the night ye went,
An' hasn't done it yet;
I'm nearly fit to give it up.
For where's the use to fret?
An' the morning's fairly spoilt on me,
Wid minding to forget."

—Selected.

NOTICES

Will those who are interested in the Y.W.C.A. Summer Conferences, and would like particulars, please see the notice board, R.V.C.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Gymnastic competition for Strathcona prizes will be held towards the end of March. The dates and hours will be arranged directly the judges can give a list of their hours. Programme will consist of items from class work taught during season—club swinging and a dance will be included. See Athletic notice board if you wish to compete. The first practice will be held to-day, from 2.45 to 3.15 o'clock.

The deciding debate in the Inter-Class Debates will be held to-day in the Common Room, at 3.15, under the auspices of the Delta Sigma Society. The subject under discussion is one which has been receiving much attention in the daily papers, and therefore should be of interest to everyone. The question is: Resolved, That Children Under Fifteen Should Be Admitted to the Movies. She affirmative will be taken by Miss Gwen Ewing and Miss Doris Dart, Third Year, and the negative by Miss Doris Sharples and Miss Norah James First Year. The victorious team will gain one point towards the banner. As this is the last, and therefore perhaps the most important debate, everyone is urged to be present, whether they are members of the two years represented in the debate or not. The judges will be Miss Carr, Dr. Fryer and Miss Brittain.

After the debate, this afternoon, Miss Gibbs, of the Victorian Order of Nurses, will address the undergraduates on "Public Health Nursing." It is hoped that as many as possible will be present.

ENTRY LIST FILLING FOR TRACK MEET

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balanced teams this year and it is difficult to make any forecasts as to the probable winners. The Arts team looks to be very strong on paper but they have not been practising and may not be in the best of condition. The men from the other faculties have been training more regularly and will be able to put their best efforts into the race.

The contest between the various years of the college for the largest aggregate of points will be very keen. This has always been very close in the Track meets held in the fall and it is expected will be no less interesting this time. Last year the Freshman year led the others by a good margin, this year it is doubtful if the same year will be able to stand up before the others.

The list of events for the meet is printed below.

- 1—60 yards.
- 2—220 yards.
- 3—440 yards.
- 4—880 yards.
- 5—1 mile.
- 6—Putting the shot (8 lbs.)
- 7—High jump.
- 8—3 standing broad jumps.
- 9—Hop, step and jumps.
- 10—School relay race, 4 laps, 220 yards each.
- 11—Inter-faculty relay race of ¼ mile; four relays, 100, 120, 220 and 440 yards.

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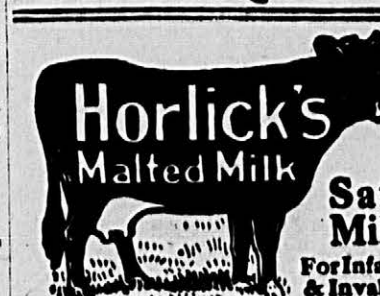
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PHOTOGRAPHS**Prohibition or Moderation-Which?**

In these days of unrest, few questions are of deeper interest to the man in the street than the prohibition question. The United States to the south of us, our younger and energetic western provinces have both undergone this remarkable whirlwind reform, and, last of the last, poor old Quebec shakes off its sluggishness and stands irresolute—hesitating before the fatal step.

In some respects this change is so sudden and so startling that the quiet reflective person is not unnaturally prone to ask the question, "Are we not rushing this measure through with insufficient consideration? Would it not be more advisable to delay action before taking this momentous step, so that later we may not be repentant?"

One of the particularly interesting features about the passing of this measure is the warm and animated hostility between the advanced prohibitionists and their opponents. This in itself is encouraging, for where there is a real issue apparent, there is a certain amount of thinking taking place. On both sides, then, we have to all appearances perfectly sincere individuals who earnestly believe in the wisdom or folly of the measure.

With the arguments of the prohibitionist we are all more or less familiar—or should be. He has a strong case. He has statistics and cold hard figures to back him. He can show how the prohibition of alcoholic beverages has diminished crime, has tended to depopulate our asylums and has improved the general health and sanity of the community. He is convinced of this fact, and is not afraid to say so; and what is more, he will fight the issue out to the end with a true and sturdy determination. At times he may seem to us fanatical, but however narrow his view-point may appear, he possesses the energy and the backbone necessary for any enterprise.

But, we ask, is prohibition the wisest policy? We can see that the prohibitionist is quite unreservedly desirous of benefiting his country. His ideals are high. He is conscientious up to the hilt. But does not this idea of prohibition weaken the will-power of the common man? Does it not act as a barrier to the expression of our freedom of will? Is not moderation in all things the true temperance? Is not this the ideal for which we should strive and not arbitrarily snatch away from the hand of the alcoholic the liquid we should teach him to use in moderation?

Moderation! Temperance! Sobriety! Truly these words call to our minds that perfect self-control which characterized the greatest souls of the race. They are the attributes of all sane, right thinking, intelligent and healthy minded men. To appreciate the wholesome pleasures that nature has provided for us, to enjoy them and yet to abandon them immediately should we perceive in them anything harmful to us or to our fellow-man—that is temperance and moderation.

Yes, let us be moderate! Let us be sober! Let us possess in ourselves a perfect control so that no man can say we went to excess in anything. So speaks the idealist, the philosopher, the intelligent true thinking man. Yet with all our preaching about moderation and restraint, we still have drunkenness and dissipation. We are still surrounded by excess and depravity everywhere. Why is this? Did we not tell everybody to be temperate?

Alas! Idealist, however sincere and conscientious you may be, however strictly temperate and truly moderate you may be in yourself, we cannot all be temperate. In a community of philosophers a measure for prohibition would be unnecessary, because all would be moderate. Ask the drug fiend, the sensualist, the drunkard, the gambler, the debauchee to be temperate. They can only smile at you. Do you imagine that we are all philosophers, scholars and college professors, that we can observe this forbearance? After all, how many of us are actually temperate in all things? Then how can we expect the poor wretch, who is but the product of a degenerate ancestry and an unhealthy environment to be as moderate as our ideal? No! Distinctly not! It is not his fault that his will-power is deficient. Society is the culprit, because society has not provided him with a healthy environment which could counteract this deficiency. Indeed, is not our society composed to a considerable extent of men whose will-power is more or less diseased?

What are we to do about it, then? Shall we play the Levite and pass on the other side? Shall we pat him on the back and say, "be temperate, be sober like I am," and then hurry off chuckling to ourselves because we can still obtain our wine and our beer?

To my mind, there is little doubt what the average intelligent man will answer. It may be that he is no te-

totalier. Indeed, the success of prohibition so far has not been entirely due to the narrow fanatic or to the absolute teetotaler or to the ranting type of prohibitionist, but to the calm, sane, clear-headed judgment of the thinking citizen who has realized that the good of the vast multitude in the state, the health of ourselves and our descendants, is worth the slight self-denial he may be called upon to make. He realizes that men have been sacrificing their lives for a cause and can easily sacrifice a pleasure. H. H. H.

NOTICES**Lecture on Government Postponed**

Dean Lee has announced that the lecture on "The Government of the Province," which was scheduled for March 17th, will not be delivered until March 24th, and the other lectures to follow each week as arranged.

Track Club Meeting.

A meeting of the Track Club will be held on Thursday afternoon, at 5.00 o'clock, in the McGill Union.

Track Men.

The following men have not been out at practice for the Track meet. There is very little time remaining to get into trim. The track at the Central "Y" may be used for training.

Greenberg—Med. '21.
Sanger—Commence '21.
Scherzer—Med. '21.
Windsor—Sci. '20.
Cassidy—Med. '20.
Boucher—Med. '23.
Gaborry—Arts '22.
Lidstone—Arts '22.
Kennedy—Arts '22.

Attention, Arts Men!

Bear in mind the Arts' Annual Dinner to be held at the Windsor Hotel. Tickets are now in the hands of the Janitor, and are also being handled by the various year representatives. Stewart '19, Duncan '20, Reid '21 and Webster '22. Date: Thursday, March 20th; Time: 8.00 p.m., and, oh! yes, price \$2.00 each.

Historical Club.

The next regular meetings of the club will be held in the Hall to-night at 8.15 o'clock. Two papers are to be read, one on the "Nationalization of U. S. Railways," and the other by A. D. McGibbon on the "U. S. Merchant Marine." Two excellent papers are assured and as this is the second last regular meeting of the session, a good attendance is requested.

**PROF. MCGOUN
LECTURES ON
GOVERNMENT**

(Continued from last issue).

In drafting this constitution a careful examination was made of the constitution of the United States which is also federal in character. Ours differs from theirs however in several important features: First, it derives its authority not by delegation from the inhabitants of the different provinces or from the provinces themselves, but by devolution from the supreme parliament of the empire, which being a body of advisers of the King is, in its fundamental historical character, the King in Parliament. This distinction was tersely expressed by Sir George Cartier in this way: The American congress exercises certain wide powers by devolution from the individual states, and its motto is "E Pluribus Unum." The Canadian derives its powers by devolution from the sovereign authority of the British Empire, the King in Parliament, and the proper motto of such a system is "Ex Uno Plures." This underlying principle pervades the whole instrument, the most striking feature being that all legislative power, that is the right to legislate on all matters not expressly assigned, belongs to the central body, the parliament of Canada; whereas in the United States these being, either to the individual states or to the people. In this respect the United States is nearer a pure democracy than this country, the essential nature of our government being that it is a limited monarchy, all the powers not assigned to parliament or to the legislatures still remaining theoretically vested in the King whose prerogative is strictly preserved, though its exercise is controlled by ministers responsible to parliament, and in certain matters responsible in a special degree to the representative chamber.

The United States however is not a real democracy either, because the powers of the legislatures, both of congress and of the states legislatures are in many matters defined by a law unchangeable, or changeable only by special machinery; and for the interpretation of the laws the last word, that is the paramount authority, rests with the judges of the Supreme Court, who are not elected, and not responsible either to the people or to their representatives. So also the executive authority is vested in the president, who chooses his own cabinet, and who is irresponsible during his term of office, and is thus for that term virtually an absolute monarch. The supreme authority in government and in the interpretation

of the laws is in a magistrate and in a court not responsible to the people. With us, on the contrary, the monarch is not absolute, but must act with the advice of ministers directly responsible to parliament, and the last word lies with a body of which representatives of the people form an integral part. Parliament is supreme to such a degree that if the courts put an interpretation on a law deemed unsound or subversive of the rights of citizens, it can pass a declaratory Act that the law is and always has been other than as interpreted by the judges. In this respect our system is more directly under the control of public opinion than the president or the supreme court of the United States. When Lord Dufferin our Governor-General visited Washington, he told the people there that the people of Canada could not sleep at night if they did not know that they could turn the Government out of office the next morning.

But I am not going to sound the praises of democracy. Far too much is heard in that sense, and I prefer to direct attention to the fact that our government is not in the hands of what John Milton termed, an unbridled democracy, or of what John Knox termed The Rascal Multitude. And the poet who may be held to be the truest friend of the people the world has known, Robert Burns, was under no illusions on this point. He sang:

The wretch who was a tyrant own
And the wretch his true sworn brother
Wha'd set the Mob abuse the Throne
Let them be damned together.

Our form of government is by three elements, namely: The King, the channel through all the powers of the nation can be exercised, and who thus embodies in effective form the majesty of the people, and who unites in the simplest way whatever is of common interest to the inhabitants of all his dominions.

And those who accept the doctrine of Incarnation will recognise that this is a form that appeals more naturally to the instincts of a people prone to loyalty than attachment to a flag however much we may value that concurrent symbol of national greatness.

The second element is the Upper Chamber of Parliament, which at one time was considered as representative of Aristocracy, not a bad concept if understood in its literal sense, and if we were certain who are the best people; but which may now be regarded as representing the successive or historic features of our national life.

The third element is the popular chamber which represents the voice of the people at the very moment of their election.

For the first of these it is not absolutely essential that the office of King or Queen should be hereditary.

or even that in every case it should be held for the full term of life of the monarch. The great advantage of the principle of heredity is that it ensures the tenure of the office by one who has been trained for the duties he has to fulfil. He is liable to be deposed only for notable misconduct, and there have only been four cases of deposition in the history of England since the Norman Conquest: Edward II, Richard II, Charles I and James II, in each instance when they persisted in acting in opposition to the well declared will of the people. Being a three branch, or what may be called a trinitarian, monarchy, if the upper and lower branches unite in finding the Sovereign guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, they can, especially if supported after a general election, remove a dangerous monarch from the throne. And the principle of heredity is not only convenient for avoiding an upheaval at every general election, but it is one that appeals to the instincts of most citizens in a well ordered community, being the one on which the right of every man and woman to inherit the fortune as well as the name and in some degree the character of their immediate ancestor directly depends. Destroy the right of succession by heredity, and it will be an easy step to a condition of things in which our properties shall pass not to our children but to the state. We must be very sure of our ground before we sanction this. Since the Union of England and Scotland under one monarch the great majority of our sovereigns have faithfully observed the limitations placed on their prerogative by law, beginning with James I, who even more conscientiously than any of his predecessors and than his successors till we come down to Queen Victoria tried to ascertain and to observe the limitations of his kingly power. And it is certain at least that George I, George II, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII and George V, have faithfully, loyally and systematically deferred to the voice of the nation constitutionally expressed in parliament. Since the opening of the XIX century the tendency of our kings and queens has been to accept more and more intelligently the advice of the ministers enjoying the confidence of the people as supported in parliament containing both a permanent and an elective chamber.

As to the Upper House, things are in a transition state in the mother country. By the Parliament Act of 1911, some of the powers and prerogatives of the House of Lords have been curtailed, but thus curtailed under a formal engagement and promise that the composition of the house would be altered so as to bring it more into harmony with modern conditions, and when that is done, not by law but by constitution, it is an open question whether some of the powers taken

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That with no other you will ever go
Unto a tea or shoot a jitney show—
Oh, no!
For which I'll give without a single sigh
My sweater with its large red "M",
and try
To serve you, yes, I swear I'd gladly die
If you'll promise me, if you'll promise me.

Oh, promise me a date for every dance
And that some other mutt won't have a chance
To fuss you to a hop or have the thrills
That I have when I pay your flower bills—
SOME bills!
And to the Prom where they may plainly see
That from them all I've chosen only thee—
Yes, I alone your man will ever be
If you'll promise me, if you'll promise me.

—Adapted

"Help! Help!" shrieked the sweet young thing who had slipped on the icy pavement and had fallen.
"I am very sorry," answered the virtuous young man who was passing, "but I don't pick up strange girls on the street."

WOMEN

I wouldn't give two whoops in Hades
For him who doesn't love the ladies.
There's something lacking in his make-up
And what he needs is one great shake-up
To make him see the patent fact—
That woman's Nature's crowning act.

A lot of us when we are youthful
And pretty foolish, to be truthful,
Imagined we were women haters—
Cold, caustic, cynic girl-baters;
But, when the right one comes along,
We soon find out that we were wrong.

Year after year the truth grows plain-
er
That all the world's a mighty gainer
In that the women still are present
To smooth what's rough and makes things pleasant.
The heart of any man is small
That hasn't room to love them all!

We ought to be in right after putting
in the above so, of course—

WE DON'T MEAN THIS

Why are the girls such silly young creatures?
Always attempting to do
Something quite worthy of real Daily features

But I am asking of you—
Now when the winter season is handy
Why do they swear off ice-cream
Just to eat boxes and boxes of candy?
Really, but doesn't it seem
As they had wanted to forego a pleasure

Why don't they give up the dance
Letting their ears be deaf to the measure
Of Jada? Let's give them the chance.

POSITIVE PROOF

If the great out-of-doors
Is a huge skating rink
Don't look so blamed gloomy
For really I think
(Though you slip and you slide
As you scurry about)
That spring's really here.
To be a good scout
I'll tell you a secret.

So old that it shocks—
Our feminine charmers
Are wearing silk socks
And sporting straw hats
On the bitterest day.
The proof—I am sure—
Spring's not far away.

PROF. MCGOUN LECTURES ON GOVERNMENT

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away may not be restored, and the Upper House strengthened so that it may possess authority more nearly coordinate with those of the Commons, as is found in most republican countries, including the United States where the Senate is more powerful than the representatives. But my special object is to direct attention to the Senate of Canada, and I venture to advance the opinion that the constitution of the Canadian Upper House is in principle the most sound ever devised for an ideal house intended for the functions it has to discharge.

There have always been advocates of an elective upper house, either on the basis of election by the different legislative members of the federation, as in the United States by the several states; or as in Australia by members elected from practically the same constituencies as the lower house but on a higher property qualification, or for a longer term of years. Such an

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Campus Leaders.

There are very few students of McGill who are not familiar with Ross Laing, the President of the Students' Council. Born in Peterborough, Ont., in 1895, he attended the Peterboro Collegiate Institute, until he moved to Westmount, in 1911. He then entered Westmount High, from which he matriculated to Science, and entered the class of Science '17. In 1915, in the middle of his second year's work, Laing enlisted as a sapper with the Canadian Engineers. After a course of training at Ottawa and Shorncliffe, he crossed to France in September, 1915. After a year's service he was granted his commission of Lieutenant. A short time later he went into the R. A. F. in which he served both as an instructor, and on active service in France. In July 1917 he returned to Canada on sick leave and pending his discharge, he entered the class of Sci '19.

Before proceeding overseas Laing spent his vacations with the Cedars Rapids Power Plant, the C.P.R. Survey Dept., and the Montreal filtration plant. Laing is prominent as a football player, and played in the last series of intercollegiate games. He also takes a first place in basketball.

On his return from overseas he was elected class vice-president, and last year President of the Students' Council.

elective council existed in Canada from 1856 to 1867.

To the American system there is the serious objection that it exaggerates the importance of local or provincial interests, already too strong in most cases; and as giving an undue influence to small states or provinces. Thus in the election of members of the Senate there are two members from each state, chosen by the state legislatures. New York with a population (in 1910) of 9,113,614, has the same representation as Rhode Island with 542,610 people. This is objectionable not so much on the ground of inequality, as on the ground that it unduly subordinates the large national welfare to purely local interests and prejudices, which may be regarded on the whole as an evil.

The Australian method also seems illogical and works so as to make the task of government more difficult than need be. It is illogical, because it tends to the creation of two chambers from an electorate not free from precisely the same immediate wave of public opinion, the one chamber being tempted to prevent the other from carrying out its proper work, and obstructing the natural course of enlightened public opinion. An elective upper house based either on property distinctions, or on the length of the term of office of the members, has also objections incidental to its own origin. If property be the basis it gives special power to a class that is always liable to abuse them; there is hardly a worse system that could be devised or less in harmony with the true spirit of the age than a plutocracy. It is of a character to subordinate everything to the criterion of mere wealth and purely material gain.

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PENNSYLVANIA — University of Pennsylvania defeated the College of the City of New York in their dual swimming meet at New York, Friday, 36 to 17.

PRINCETON — The Yale varsity swimming team defeated the Princeton varsity in their dual meet at Princeton, New Jersey, Saturday, 33 to 20. The Princeton water-polo team won 31 to 13.

COLUMBIA — The Columbia University swimming team defeated the University of Pennsylvania in their dual meet at New York, Saturday, 30 to 23 points.

LEHIGH — The Lehigh University wrestling team defeated the University of Pennsylvania in their dual meet at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Saturday, 22 points to 8.

YALE — The Yale varsity basketball team defeated Wesleyan University at New Haven, Connecticut, Friday, 45 to 13.

HARVARD — The Yale freshman swimming team easily defeated the Harvard freshmen in their dual meet at New Haven, Connecticut, Saturday, 47 to 6.

WESLEYAN — The Wesleyan University basketball team defeated Brown University at Middletown, Connecticut, Saturday 33 to 22.

ANNAPOLIS — The Annapolis Academy wrestling team defeated the Pennsylvania State College wrestlers in a dual meet at Annapolis, Maryland, Saturday, 7 bouts to 0. The Annapolis fencing team defeated the University of Pennsylvania varsity 12 bouts to 1.

DARTMOUTH — Dartmouth seems to estimate Colgate's varsity debate teams as opponents of no mean ability. Reports from the university in Hanover are to the effect that the squad there has been working hard for quite a time. The affirmative side of the railroad question which is to be debated, has been developed along three different lines, the most successful of which in practice debates, will be used in the contest with the Maroon speakers on April 11. The Dartmouth, the university paper, states that the "team which will represent Colgate in the coming debate has a reputation in intercollegiate debating which is not equalled by any college team in the east."

DALHOUSIE — Dalhousie is to have a Ladies' Residence as soon as the funds can be obtained. The Board of Governors have considered the matter carefully and have given their approval to the erection of this building, which it is estimated will cost seventy-five thousand dollars.

BIG TRACK MEET AT PENNSYLVANIA UNIV.

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mile star, and others too numerous to mention. With this turnout it would seem that the meet will be a phenomenal success.

For the special events a good showing is expected. In the pole vault, for example, will be several past champions in this line, men who have always done their best, and may be expected to do so again. Indeed it is thought by many that, should the weather conditions be favorable, a new world record may be made in this event.

Besides the universities about 100 high schools and 60 preparatory schools have entered, including many of the most important schools of the last. The grammar and parochial schools of Philadelphia will also put in an appearance.

Among the universities entered may be McGill. We have the material, and the coming Track Meet on Wednesday 20th, should show where it is. If on that occasion a sufficiently creditable showing is made, and there is little doubt of this, and if enough interest is shown to warrant the sending of a representation to the Pennsylvania meet, this will almost undoubtedly be done. The day of intercollegiate sports is returning and it is up to McGill to be in the front line. Before the war our records were enviable; during the war they were the same, though in a different line; and now that peace has returned it is McGill's duty to uphold and if possible better that reputation.

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